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INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT

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- a response after Final Rejection dated
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- ☒ a Replacement Third Preliminary Amendment
- a Petition for an extension of time
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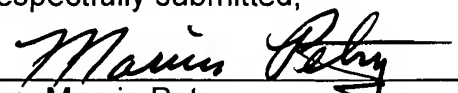
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TOTAL CLAIMS	70	70		X \$ 18 =	
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REPLACEMENT THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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On September 5, 2002, Applicants submitted a Third Preliminary Amendment which amended certain claims. However, it has now been noted that the claim numbering was incorrect. Please disregard the previously submitted Third Preliminary Amendment and replace it with the amendments to the claims as set forth herein as set forth in Attachment A.

IN THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of all claims is provided herewith in **Attachment A**. It will be noted that claims 32, 33, 43, 44, 57, 64, 68, 70, 72, 73, 74, 78, 79 and 80 are currently amended.

REMARKS

Certain of the new claims filed May 15, 2002 have now been revised or clarified in order to more clearly recite the patentable features of the present invention in accordance with all requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.